

HOW COLUMBIA MAY GET ELECTRIC ROADS

Cross-State and Jefferson City to Moberly Lines Want Help From Here.

TO GIVE SHOPS IN RETURN

Is Big Opportunity for Progress, Say Members of Commercial Club.

Columbia, Jefferson City and Moberly. Asked of Columbia.—Bonus of \$70,000 from the Missouri River to Columbia; bonus of \$70,000 from Columbia to Moberly; 85 per cent of right-of-way.

To Give in Return.—Electric line from Jefferson City to Moberly; shops and headquarters in Columbia.

St. Louis-Kansas City. Asked of Columbia.—Right-of-way into Columbia; thirty-acres for shops; ground for depot, two blocks north or south of Broadway; bonus of \$50,000.

To Give in Return.—Columbia to be on trunk and interurban line from Kansas City to St. Louis; division shops in Columbia; double track with loop from business district to main line depot.

Opportunity, in the way of efficient electric railway service, is knocking at Columbia's door; will Columbia accept?

Business men of the city, today, more than 100 of them, heard at the Commercial Club luncheon how they could bring electric railroads to this city. The reports of two committees sent by the club to investigate the situation of two electric railway projects were given. Each report was optimistic.

"If Columbia wants it, then Columbia now has the opportunity," was, in brief, the report made by the speakers in reference to each road, one a cross-state line and the other a line through Columbia from Jefferson City to Moberly.

Different Opinions About Roads.

"The sentiment of the people is like Gaul, it is divided into three parts. Some think the roads will never be built, some are certain they will be built, and others, like all good Missourians, have to be shown," said E. W. Stephens, president of the Commercial Club in introducing J. A. Hudson, one of the committee that went to Kansas City to find out what the officials of the Kansas City and St. Louis Electric Railroad wanted of Columbia.

"There is a mis-understanding about the grades, cuts and fills of the proposed road from St. Louis to Kansas City," said Mr. Hudson. "There will be few of these. The streets will not have to be cut in some places and filled in others. There will be a light fill on More's Boulevard, and a cut of two or three feet near the Wabash tracks."

"This company wants the right-of-way to enter Columbia on Third, Fifth or any other street that the city prefers. They also want depot grounds north or south of Broadway about two blocks. They want this ground for a depot, thirty acres of land for their shops, and a bonus of \$50,000. In return for this, the construction shops will be built in Columbia and this will be a division point. They want this \$50,000 to be paid as the work on the shops progresses."

Are Ready to Begin Work Now.

Mr. Hudson said that besides the interurban, they proposed to build a trunk line, run by electric engines, that will carry freight cars as the steam roads.

"The company is ready to start building the road as soon as its right-of-way and bonus is assured," said Mr. Hudson.

The other committee that was appointed a week ago was the one to investigate the line known heretofore as the North Missouri Central line from Jefferson City through Columbia to Moberly.

"There has been trouble in the camp of that road," said W. T. Anderson, a member of the committee. "The men on the board were unsatisfactory. But the men back of the proposed road now are as good as can be found anywhere. I know them all, and have had business dealings with them, and know that they are all first class men."

Is Up to Columbia.

The men connected with that road said that they were ready to begin the construction of the line from Jefferson City to Columbia and from there to Moberly as soon as a bonus of \$140,000 and a right-of-way has been assured them. When a right-of-way and a bonus of \$70,000 for the road between here and Jefferson City has been

UNSETTLED WEATHER TONIGHT

Generally Cloudy, Is the Forecast for This Vicinity.

The weather forecast for Columbia and vicinity is: "Generally cloudy and unsettled weather tonight and Friday. Warmer."

The temperatures:

7 a. m.	21	11 a. m.	38
8 a. m.	25	12 noon.	38
9 a. m.	31	1 p. m.	40
10 a. m.	34	2 p. m.	42

raised, the officials of the road will come here and show their hands, and make their own surveys from here to Moberly. After the \$70,000 has been raised for the road from Columbia to Moberly the actual construction of the road will be begun.

"Of the bonus of \$70,000 required between Columbia and Jefferson City, \$50,000 has been raised. If the whole \$140,000 and 85 per cent of the right-of-way is assured, the road will be built. The central offices and the shops will be built here. It is up to the people of Columbia to build this road."

M. G. Quinn, another member of the committee, said that it was unfortunate for Columbia the way the roads had been begun. It required a lot of work, he said to build up the wreck of the first officials of the road.

Bonus Is to Pay Interest.

"Both roads are now in the hands of good men," said Mr. Quinn. "If Columbia is true to herself, both these roads will be built. The officials of the Columbia, Jefferson City and Moberly line have \$60,000 of their own money in the road. The bonus we are required to raise does not go to the promoters of the road. It goes to pay the interest on the bonds the first year. All of this \$140,000 must be raised between the city limits of Moberly and Jefferson City."

"Surveys of the road have been made from Moberly to Columbia and from Columbia to Jefferson City. The road will cost about \$1,485,000."

J. W. Schwabe said that he was certain the road would be built if Columbia did her part.

"I subscribed \$250 for the road to Jefferson City," said Mr. Schwabe, "and if it is continued on through Blackfoot, I will give \$750 more."

M. E. Hultz also spoke of Columbia's opportunity for improvement.

ELMAN PLEASED BIG CROWD

Young Violinist Best Received of Phi Mu Alpha Artists.

The concert by Mischa Elman in the University Auditorium last night drew the largest attendance of the series given under the direction of the Phi Mu Alpha fraternity. It was by far the most popular concert of the three. Small of stature, the boy violinist who is one of the greatest of musicians, walked on the stage with an imperial confidence which his performance fully justified. Throughout the evening he held the audience at his sway. He was applauded after each number but responded to encores only twice.

The program was varied but was more of a lively than a melancholy nature. From the very start, the beauty of tone and his absolute technical mastery with no attempt at technical display were apparent. Elman completely absorbs himself in the composition he is playing as if he were in a trance; he reveals a great feeling for poetic beauty, and it seems that every ounce of energy and his entire power of concentration is with his playing.

His interpretation of the Symphonie Espagnole of Lalo, the Serenade of Schubert, and the Scherzo of Brahms, were the most popular numbers which he played. Mr. Elman received many requests for various selections. He played as an encore to the third number Beethoven's Minuet in G No. 2 and after the regular program he played an arrangement of his own of a Gavotte by Gossek.

The concert last night concluded the series of three concerts. The season was successful from the financial as well as artistic point of view. Elman received \$800 for the concert last night.

ENTERTAINED MISCHA ELMAN.

Violinist and Phi Mu Alphas Guests of Prof. J. S. Ankeney.

After the concert last night Mischa Elman and the members of Phi Mu Alpha, the musical fraternity, were entertained at the home of Prof. J. S. Ankeney, a member of the fraternity, until train time. Mr. Elman and his accompanist left Columbia on the 11 o'clock train.

He said he was much pleased with his reception in Columbia. Mr. Elman expressed a desire to hear some records on the phonograph. His father, who is with him on his trip, asked to hear some records by his son, but Mr. Elman said he had heard enough of his own playing for one night.

TO HOLD FIRST VOTE FOR SUPERINTENDENT

Never Before Has Head of County Schools Been Chosen by People.

ELECTION TO BE APRIL 4

J. Kelly Wright, Former Commissioner, and G. T. Porter Are Candidates.

For the first time, Boone county voters will have the chance to elect a county superintendent of schools at the annual school meeting, April 4. In the past the county commissioner, has been in charge of the county schools, but this office was abolished by the Legislature in 1909. Both offices are elective.

The law abolishing the office of commissioner also provided for state-wide supervision of county schools by a superintendent. It provided that whoever should be serving as commissioner at the time the law went into effect, August 15, 1909, should serve as superintendent until the annual school meeting in April, 1911. J. Kelly Wright has served as superintendent for the last year and a half in Boone county.

Formerly the county commissioner had charge of granting certificates and of teachers' examinations. He and two assistants composed the county board of education. This had to send out clerk's supplies to the different schools and settle all boundary disputes.

The superintendent will have some of these duties to perform and others besides. He is expected to make inspections of the schools and watch the work done by the teachers. He also will have charge of the examinations of teachers. The two assistants to the commissioner will continue to serve under the superintendent, but not as members of the board of education. They will serve on the text-book commission.

This office is not of a political character. The county superintendent has charge of all the schools in the county except those in Columbia and Centralia.

J. Kelly Wright, who has served as superintendent since the law abolishing the office of commissioner went into effect, and George T. Porter are candidates for election to this office April 4.

HAS TO WALK 8 MUDDY MILES

Roads So Bad County Superintendent Cannot Ride to Rural School.

Boone county roads are so bad, J. Kelly Wright, county superintendent of schools, had to walk about eight miles in the mud yesterday to visit a country school near Hallsville. The roads are so poor that wagons are seldom able to travel during this season in that part of the county.

Mr. Wright's experiences in traversing Boone county roads to reach some of the schools has made him an earnest advocate of the good roads movement. He has to visit ninety-eight rural schools every year. Some of these he inspects several times. He says it is seldom, however, that he has to take as long a walk as he did yesterday.

ARRIVED, WED, LEFT—ONE HOUR

Willard Crockett and Miss Jennie Blair Just Planned a Surprise.

Willard Crockett and Miss Jennie Blair came to Columbia about 7:30 o'clock last night. Mr. and Mrs. Willard Crockett returned to Mexico, Mo., at 9 o'clock. They obtained a marriage license and were married in less than an hour. Mr. Crockett is 22 years old and Mrs. Crockett is 18.

"Is this an elopement?" the Rev. Addison Pasley, who performed the ceremony, asked the young couple before he married them.

They looked at each other and smiled. "No," they answered together, "it is just a surprise."

STUDENTS WORK ON STADIUM

J. E. Mitchell, an Engineer, Has a Force of 25 Every Saturday.

Twenty-five students of the University of Missouri work every Saturday on the new stadium to be erected on the south side of Rollins Field. The excavating for the foundation has been completed. Concrete work probably will start next week when the foundations for the pillars will be laid. J. E. Mitchell, a student in the School of Engineering, has charge of the work.

Colman's Society Tonight.

Colman's Literary Society will hold its weekly meeting at 7 o'clock tonight in room 8 of the Horticulture Building.

PLANT YOUR GARDEN IN PARTS, HE SAYS

Prof. J. C. Whitten Classifies Vegetables Into Divisions for Sowing.

PEAS CAN START FIRST

Squashes, Lima Beans and Others Should Wait Until May or June.

Have you made your garden yet? No. Well, don't be in a hurry, and in the meantime here's some advice on the subject.

"You cannot make a garden in a day," said Dr. J. C. Whitten, professor of horticulture, this morning. "The habit among many is to wait for favorable weather and then plant everything at one time. This is the most serious mistake made by amateur gardeners. Some species of garden vegetables and flowers grow better at lower temperatures—even endure frost—and should be planted early in the spring. Other species are tropical and only begin to grow after the weather and the soil are warm. These should be planted late."

Doctor Whitten divided the garden plants into three sections. The following can be planted now, as soon as the soil is ready: Sweet peas, garden peas, onions, parsnips, salsify, spinach and lettuce. These should be planted in the first half of March.

The next group contains the radish, carrot, beet, chard, early bush beans and potatoes. They should be planted from the first until about the middle of April. The last group includes sweet corn, early cucumbers, tomatoes, cantaloupes, water melons, summer squashes, okra, pepper, egg plant and lima beans. These should not be planted before the last half of April or early May. The last four being tropical plants should not be planted until late in May or early in June if the weather is cold and the ground wet.

The vegetables of each group are given in the order of their ability to stand the cold. For instance, while the garden peas and lettuce are included in the same group, the lettuce should be planted a little later than the garden peas.

Doctor Whitten said the following plants mature quickly and should be planted about once a month: garden peas, spinach, lettuce, radishes, beets, sweet corn and early cucumbers.

WAR GAME FOR THE CADETS

They Will March to Country for Maneuvers Saturday.

The University of Missouri cadets are going to "play war" Saturday. The whole corps except the band is to take a "hike" out to the country and do advance and rear guard work. Besides this they probably will establish outposts and a drill in normal attack probably will be on the program.

This will be the first of a series of marches intended for the cadets this spring in which they are to learn something of actual war conditions. Later there probably will be a sham battle between the two battalions. There will be no drill tomorrow as the Saturday work will take the place of the regular drill.

HOUR OF HUMOR WITH O. HENRY

Prof. J. R. Scott Reads at Assembly This Morning.

"What is Easter," "The Robe of Peace," and "By Courier" constituted the "Hour with O. Henry" which Professor John R. Scott gave at assembly this morning. He made real to his audience the quaint characters for which O. Henry is famous. The title of the first selection is really "The Day Resurgent," but Professor Scott said he thought the other name would be better understood. The readings were full of pathos and humor.

Frank L. McVey, president of the University of North Dakota, will talk Tuesday at assembly. If by any chance he can not be here, however, the University Cadet Band will play.

FARMERS HAVE MOST BOOKS

538 New Volumes Give College of Agriculture Largest Technical Library.

By the addition of 538 volumes to the library of the College of Agriculture this year, it has become the largest technical library in the University. It now has a total of 7,350 volumes. Three thousand volumes were lent last year. The library receives as gifts or exchange 182 periodicals. In addition to these forty-five are purchased.

M. U. OUTSCORED, 338 TO 324

Tigers Lost Seven of Twelve Basketball Games This Season.

In the basketball season recently closed the Tigers were outscored by their opponents, who won seven of the twelve games played. The Tigers scored 324 points to their opponents' 338.

The star of the Missouri team was Parker, the little left forward, captain of next year's team. He made thirty-seven goals and seventy-nine free throws, a total of 153 points. He made more than 75 per cent of his chances at free throwing. The next largest point winner was Cohen, the captain and other forward. He made forty-two goals and one free throw for a total of eight-five points. At center Purkins made the same number of goals as his opponent each making twenty-eight.

Edwards made the least number of fouls of any of the regulars. He played through nine games without having a foul called on him, making only ten in the twelve games. Parker was the worst offender in this respect, making twenty-seven fouls. Burreas played an excellent game at guard, holding his opposing forward to an average of 2.6 goals to the game and making an average of almost one goal a game himself. Castillo, the substitute guard, played in parts of nine games but not through any entire game.

ALL FOR ST. PATRICK

Each Class Will Have a Feature in the Engineers' Celebration Tomorrow.

The students in the School of Engineering will give four main stunts in the St. Patrick's Day Celebration tomorrow, one prepared by each class. The parade will be at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. President A. Ross Hill has granted a holiday to the students in the School of Engineering, conditional upon the parade being held in the afternoon.

Immediately after the parade, the Engineering Building will be open to visitors. The physics laboratory will be used as a reception room. Experiments will be conducted in all of the laboratories until 6 o'clock. The electrical display in the high tension room will be especially attractive. The talking arc and the frying of eggs in a skillet resting upon a block of ice, are other features illustrating novel uses of electricity.

The Shamrock, the annual stunt book of the engineers, will be published tomorrow. Two members of the engineering faculty will be made honorary Knights of St. Patrick. The annual St. Patrick's dance will be held at Columbia Hall Friday night.

ROCK WALKS ON CAMPUS

Crushed Stone Will Replace Some of the Old Cinder Paths.

Crushed stone walks will replace the cinder path from Academic Hall to Ninth street, and the board walk which originally extended past the Power House. Only the steps of the new walks are to be built of concrete.

"This kind of walk is more satisfactory than granitoid," said H. F. Maor, superintendent of the grounds. "There are several reasons. They cost less, they do not become slippery in rainy or snowy weather, and are more in keeping with the idea of landscape architecture. A granitoid walk appears too artificial, besides it has no elasticity and tires one to walk upon it."

FIVE MORE RECRUITS NEEDED

University Cadets Continue to Enlist in Columbia Guards.

Only five more men are needed to bring Company G of the Fourth Missouri Infantry, stationed at Columbia, to its full strength of sixty men. Fifteen new men have been enlisted. Most of the recruits are University of Missouri students who have served in the cadet corps.

No further orders concerning the maneuvers along the Mexico border have been received.

New Lights for Library.

The work of installing the new lights in the reading room of the University library was begun yesterday. The fixtures will be for ceiling instead of low lights, because the latter cannot be used satisfactorily with the tables now in the library.

FRUIT TREES SAVED BY USING BURNERS

Two Acres of Peaches, Worth \$40, Protected From Frost at Cost of \$40.

TEMPERATURE AT 16 1-2

College of Agriculture Makes Practical Application of Scientific Method.

In an orchard on the horticultural grounds of the University a little peach tree is in full bloom. Covered with the delicate pink blossoms, it swayed and bent before the heavy north wind yesterday. This is an early blooming tree—the earliest there is in the orchard of nearly three hundred.

Last night the temperature dropped to 16½ degrees. But this morning the blossoms on the trees retained their freshness and color, still promising to grow into peaches.

The blossoms on this tree and buds on all the other trees in the orchard owe their lives to modern methods of fruit culture. All last night crude-oil burners were used in the orchard. These raised the temperature 5 or 6 degrees higher than it was outside. The coldest recorded outside of the grounds was 16½ degrees at midnight, and all night it was below 18 degrees.

Outside Blossoms Injured.

Dr. J. C. Whitten, professor of horticulture, and six students in the College of Agriculture worked all night in the orchard, protecting the three hundred trees. Examination this morning proved the necessity for the work, for not a tree in the "fired section" was hurt, while blossoms on trees in other parts of the grounds are withered and dead today.

There were 800 gallons of crude-oil used on the two acres. The fires were lighted about 7:30 o'clock and kept burning until after daylight this morning. The crude-oil costs five cents a gallon, or \$40 for enough to save the two acres. The value of a two-acre crop, according to Doctor Whitten, is about \$300. Half a dozen men could take care of an orchard of twenty acres if they were properly equipped.

But Few "Fire" Orchards.

About the fruit crop in the state Doctor Whitten said that, if the temperature in the southern part, where the orchards are already beginning to bloom, fell as low as it did here, undoubtedly the trees were harmed. He did not believe, however, that the cold wave had extended that far south.

The trees in the northern part of the state do not bud as early, and consequently were better able to stand the cold last night. Not many of the fruit growers of Missouri "fire" their orchards, and if the cold was general over the state it is probable that the crop suffered.

The burners used last night are in the shape of metal pots, with a funnel through the center to send a current of air into the middle of the flame. Two gallons of crude oil, or petroleum, is poured into each, and the fire started by a wick made of wisps of hay. The oil burns for several hours, sending a warm smoke up through the foliage.

TAX COLLECTOR HAS GOOD YEAR

Only 8 Per Cent of Assessments Remain Unpaid.

The past year has been a good one for the taxpayers, according to J. R. Jordan, the new county collector. There have been fewer delinquents than usual, he says.

"Of course there will always be persons who will not or cannot pay their taxes, but there were fewer than usual last year," said Mr. Jordan today. "About 8 per cent of the taxes remain unpaid. In the end we recover part of this through real estate, but some we never get. This is when the personal property is so small in value that it would not pay us to sue. The cost would be more than what we would recover from the suit."

F. L. McVEY MAY SPEAK HERE

President of University of North Dakota Is Expected at Assembly.

President Frank L. McVey of the University of North Dakota, probably will address the students of the University of Missouri at the assembly hour next Tuesday morning. He is expected in Columbia the first of next week, but it is yet uncertain whether or not he will arrive in time for this address.

The subject of his talk will be one of these two: "Sticking Points in Taxation" or "Houses Built Upon Sands." The latter is a discussion of modern philanthropy.